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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I write you with concern over the recent delay of the Microsoft settlement. It is distressing to hear that the settlement is being delayed because of a few politicians. After three long years of court battles, it is ridiculous to prolong the execution of such a well-designed agreement. The terms that were agreed upon are a reflection of the interests of all parties involved. It is time to let them speak for themselves.

Microsoft has not only agreed to rework licensing and marketing agreements, but has agreed to design future versions of Windows that allow for easy installation of non-Microsoft software, too. This, alone, speaks to the fact that Microsoft is acting in the best interest of the IT sector as a whole. The technology industry is ready to move forward, so let us allow them to do just that. Let us not hold back our economy by holding back the advancement of our IT sector in this competitive global market.

Please support the settlement in its current form. Help us to make sure that no further action is taken against the agreement, and that we can move forward as a united industry.

Sincerely,



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